



Surf Pines Breeze

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Board Approves Renovation:

From Old Gatehouse to New Meeting House

At its monthly meeting on November 21, 2005, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the concept of renovating the old gatehouse to create a new meeting house for members of the Surf Pines Association.

Agreeing that Surf Pines needs a meeting house, the board visualized the old gatehouse renovated inside to provide a sizable new meeting room, plus a small kitchen and a restroom. The board visualized the old gatehouse renovated outside with new cedar-shake siding, new landscaping, and additional parking. And the board visualized the renovated old gatehouse as housing not only monthly board meetings and committee meetings, but also other meetings of members of the association, including such diverse groups as hikers and quilters.

Referring the matter of creating a new meeting house for Surf Pines to the Roads and Grounds Committee, the board asked the committee to prepare detailed plans for the renovation and obtain multiple bids.

The committee's preliminary estimate last summer for renovating the old gatehouse was about \$13,000. The estimate for removing the old gatehouse was about \$8,000. In considering the cost of renovation versus the cost of removal, the board noted that the difference—the cost of creating a new meeting house for Surf Pines—might be only about \$5,000. But the board will review carefully the forthcoming plans and bids.





Quick News

Plan to Attend the Annual Meeting

The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association, as announced by Don Kruger, President, is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Mark your new calendar and plan to attend.

Attend Monthly Board Meetings

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors—open to all members of the association—are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in Surf Pines at the new meeting house (formerly known as the old gatehouse). “Comments from the Membership” is always toward the top of the agenda.

On the weekend before a meeting, the agenda is available at the new gatehouse and on the Surf Pines Web site. Soon after a meeting, the minutes are available on the Web at www.surfpines.org.

Attend to business by either attending the meetings or reading the minutes.

Volunteer for a Committee

To volunteer to work on a committee—either Security, Roads and Grounds, or Community Relations—contact the committee chairperson. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses, see page 8.)

Follow New Procedure to Contact Security

Instead of being available in the security office during fixed office hours, as in the past, Lynn Meyrick, Security Manager, is now available on call. (Lynn and the Security Committee decided that this change in procedure, which minimizes Lynn’s work indoors, will maximize his work outdoors.) When you need to speak with Lynn, either call him to schedule a meeting or stop by the office if you see that he is in. Call Lynn at either (503) 738-0637, his regular telephone, or 738-2758, his cell phone.

Remember That Dues Are Due

Bill Barrons, Administrator, reminds that dues, which are billed in arrears, are due by the end of the month in which you receive a statement and are delinquent thereafter. For example, a statement dated January 1, 2006, which is for dues during October, November, and December, is due by January 31 and is delinquent thereafter.

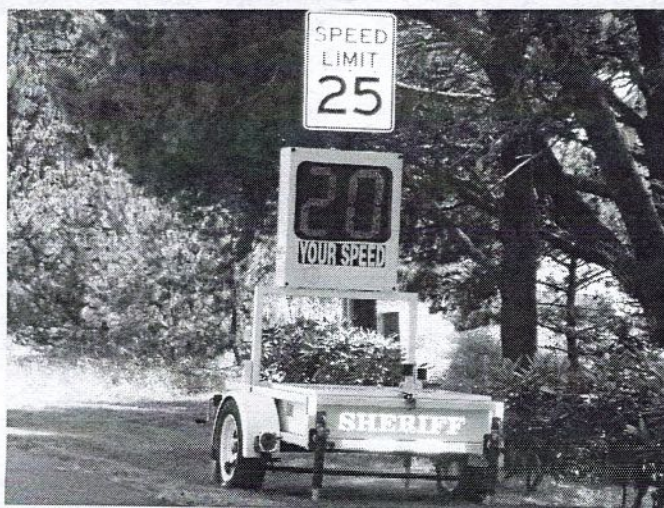
Warning: Either Observe the Speed Limit or Pay an Assessment

The posted speed limit on the roads of Surf Pines is 25 miles per hour. Deputy sheriffs use radar to check speed. If drivers exceed the posted speed limit, then assessments may be levied against the drivers.

Seven drivers have been assessed recently for speeding on the roads of Surf Pines. Assessments are based on the schedule of fees currently in use by Oregon courts:

MPH in Excess of Posted Speed	Assessment
1-10	\$94
11-20	\$141
21-30	\$237
Over 30	\$421

Show this schedule of fees to all of the drivers in your family—and tell them who will pay any assessments.



Quick News (Continued)

Ask the Sheriff's Department

Mark Whisler, a member of the association, the Security Committee, and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Department, reports that representatives of the department are available to advise small groups and perhaps individuals on these security-related topics:

Crime prevention
 Neighborhood-watch program
 Home security
 Personal safety
 Controlled-substance abuse
 Identity theft
 Internet scams

For more information, call the sheriff's department at 325-8635.

Landscape the Right Way on the Right-of-Way

Before you take in hand either shovel or saw to landscape the association's right-of-way between your property and the roads of Surf Pines, understand the policy on landscaping the right-of-way.

This part of the policy on **installing landscaping** is effective as of December 15, 2003:

- Trees and other installed plants and materials are not to diminish the existing views of other members.
- Trees and other installed plants and materials are not to obstruct the vision of drivers.
- Trees, berms, rocks, fences, and other installed plants and materials that might damage a vehicle if struck by it are not to be placed within five feet of the pavement.

This part of the policy on **removing landscaping** is effective as of December 20, 2005:

Before either removing or altering the height of trees that are 6 inches in diameter or larger, approval is to be obtained from the Roads and Grounds Committee.



The purpose of the whole policy is to keep the roads of Surf Pines safe and the roadsides attractively landscaped.

Learn the History of Surf Pines

Take a short, easy course in the history of Surf Pines by reading *Sand Dunes to Surf Pines*, a new book by Alice Gustafson, a part-time resident for 35 years, who clearly loves her subject. The book records Alice's "walk back in history in search of how the community known as Surf Pines came to be." For your copy of Alice's history of Surf Pines, call Marge Bloomfield at 738-6660. The book sells for \$10.00 with any profit to be contributed to the Clatsop County Historical Society.



For a history of Surf Pines, read Alice Gustafson's *Sand Dunes to Surf Pines*.

Help Us Out of Deep Dog Doo-doo

Members (including dog owners) ask that dog owners bag their dogs' doo-doo instead of littering the park, the paths to the beach, and the roadsides with it. Bagging it, they suggest, is the neighborly thing to do with dog doo-doo. And more and more neighborly dog owners, members note, have a leash in one hand and a plastic bag in the other hand.



Spotlight on Security in Surf Pines

The accompanying articles on pages 4-5 spotlight security in Surf Pines. Michael Wilkin chairs the Security Committee. The committee's priorities include responding to the danger of a tsunami, addressing hunting near Surf Pines, and monitoring speed on the roads of Surf Pines. Current members of the committee include Burr Allegaert, Joe Gallino, Gene Keever, Bob McWhirter, and Mark Whisler. Ex officio members include Bill Barrons, Administrator, and Lynn Meyrick, Security Manager. To volunteer to work on the committee, contact the chairperson. (Michael's contact information is on page 8.)



"It Can't Happen Here!"—But It Did

by Bill Barrons

A tsunami on our beach? That's right. On Good Friday, March 27, 1964, an 8.4 earthquake with its epicenter in northern Prince William Sound near Anchorage, Alaska, struck at 5:36 p.m. Approximately 4 hours and 2000 miles later, waves from the subsequent tsunami struck our beach.

Although damage here was slight, the bridge over Ecola Creek to downtown Cannon Beach was destroyed and pushed 200 yards up the creek by the tsunami. Further south, in Crescent City, California, destruction was extensive. There the tsunami damaged over 56 blocks of the city. And, according to varying reports, from 9 to 11 people died in the city.

We must be prepared for the 9.0 earthquake and the subsequent tsunami that are predicted for the Cascadia Subduction Zone, an area prone to earthquakes that is located just off the Oregon and Washington coastlines.

The association's preparation for a tsunami includes posting signs that warn residents and guests when they enter the tsunami hazard zone in Surf Pines; publishing in the *Breeze*, in the *Owners' Information Guide*, and even on the quarterly list of visitor gate codes instructions for responding to a tsunami warning or watch; and providing at a special price special radio receivers that alert residents to a tsunami warning or watch.

An extra step of preparation recently taken by the association is creating a telephone tree to alert residents who live on Ocean Drive, the low road, of a tsunami warning or watch. Residents of 18 households on the high roads of Surf Pines form the trunk of this telephone tree. They have committed themselves to call from 4 to 8 households on the low road when a tsunami warning or watch is issued for our beach. The telephone tree will be tested approximately every 6 months with telephone calls to the households on Ocean Drive.

Editors' note: Bill Barrons is the administrator for Surf Pines Association.

On Patrol

by Bill Barrons

One of the duties of the security manager, Lynn Meyrick, is to patrol the seven miles of roads in Surf Pines. Each work day, Lynn's schedule includes three patrols.





On Patrol (Continued)

During these patrols, Lynn is responsible for these tasks:

- Identifying persons who lack valid reasons for being on the roads of Surf Pines and escorting them to the gates
- Noting anything unusual around homes, especially unoccupied homes, such as unfamiliar vehicles parked there, doors open, windows broken, and mail uncollected and then notifying the owners (if they have current emergency contact information on file)
- Identifying dogs running loose and notifying their owners
- Reporting malfunctioning streetlights
- Removing fallen trees from the roads
- Removing loose gravel from the roads
- Repairing and replacing damaged and missing signs and reflectors
- Requesting that vehicles parked on the pavement be moved off the roads
- Removing litter from the roads and roadsides

You can help Lynn keep Surf Pines secure and clean by reporting to him at 738-0637 any of these tasks that require his attention.

Help Your Visitors through the Gates with Sentex and Your Telephone



When you have visitors, you can help them through the gates by providing them with the current monthly visitor gate code that you receive with your quarterly statement and this newsletter. But what if the visitors arrive at the gates without the code? Or what if they arrive unexpectedly?

In these cases, you can help your visitors through the gates by using the Sentex unit where the key pad is located and your telephone (but **not** your cell phone). Here is the 3-step procedure:

1. The visitor drives up to an entry gate, stops at the Sentex unit where the key pad is located, and follows instructions on the screen to find your name, which is accompanied by a special number.
2. The visitor enters the special number on the key pad, thereby connecting through the Sentex telephone (**not** a cell phone) to your telephone (**not** your cell phone).
3. You answer your telephone and, after identifying the visitor as a person whom you either want to admit or do not want to admit, you either press 9 on your telephone to open the gate or hang up to leave the gate closed.

Note that the telephone call is short. After you answer the call, you have only 90 seconds in which to press 9 before the connection is broken and the visitor has to start over at step 2. (You might want to practice this procedure, perhaps with a member of your family at an entry gate while you are at your telephone.) To protect your privacy, your name is not listed in the system directory at the gate unless you request that it be listed. If your name is not currently in the directory at the gate and you want it to be listed, then contact Lynn Meyrick, Security Manager, at 738-0637.



Sunset Lake Community Association Sets Sail to Save Lake

Property owners who live either on Sunset Lake or near it have joined together to form the Sunset Lake Community Association. The members of this new association are committed to working together to solve the problems of the endangered lake.

Some priorities of the Sunset Lake Community Association include:

- Cleaning up the lake and the lakeshore
- Testing the water in the lake
- Controlling aquatic weeds in the lake and on the lakeshore

Created in August 2005, the Sunset Lake Community Association meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Warrenton High School Library. If you live either on the lake or near it (or if you enjoy the lake no matter where you live), then you are welcome to attend these meetings. And you are welcome to join the members of the association as they work together to save the lake.

Although the Sunset Lake Community Association includes members from all around the lake, Surf Pines is well represented. A number of members of the Surf Pines Association are active members of the Sunset Lake Community Association: Robin Rhodes is the spokesperson, Gwynn Bakkensen is the secretary, Bonnie Rogie is the treasurer, and Tom Waltrip is a co-chairperson of the Water Quality Testing Committee.

For more information about the Sunset Lake Community Association, call Robin at 738-5208.

Surf Pines Social Calendar

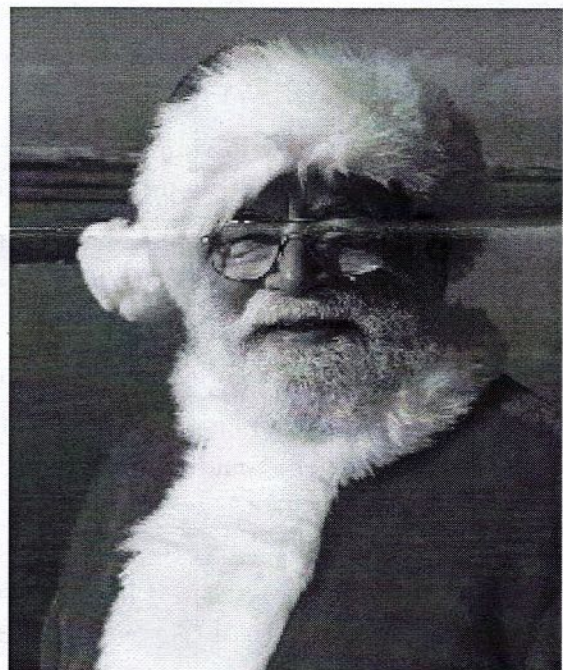


The Surf Pines social calendar for 2005 concluded with the premier social event of the year, the Annual Holiday Party.

Approximately 80 members, a record number, attended the holiday party on Saturday, December 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the home of Jim and Sue Castner.

The Castners hosted graciously in their home on Osprey Drive. Upstairs, poached salmon, roast turkey, baked ham, side dishes, salads, and desserts filled the dining room table and overflowed into the kitchen. Downstairs, the bar was well stocked with wines (and well attended).

And the fellowship was as good as the food and drink. Santa himself, visiting Surf Pines that evening, remarked on the positive community relations that were on display at the party.



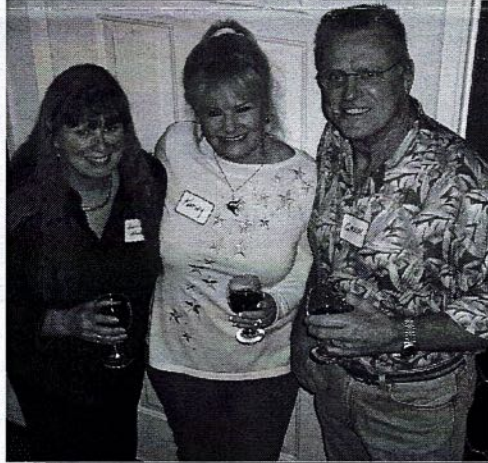
Santa visits Surf Pines. (Photo by Katie Weber)



Surf Pines Annual Holiday Party



Sue and Jim Castner welcome guests to their home for the Annual Holiday Party.





Welcome the New Neighbors

Welcome these new neighbors to Surf Pines:

Kirk Cazee, 33264 Neacoxie

Marion & Shannon Hostetler, 33302 Neacoxie

Frank & Sylvia James, 33309 Neacoxie

James & Susan Montgomery, 33305 Neacoxie

Andrew Nguyen & Kim-Chi Vin, 89657 Ocean

Charlie & Rinda Shea, 89495 Manion Dr.

If you are a new neighbor (since October 1, 2005) but your name is not on this list, then contact Bill Barrons, Administrator.



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